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WITH PRESIDENT FORD

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1. ALTHOUGH NO EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS YET APPEARED, THE MAY 30 DANISH PRESS GAVE EXTENSIVE NEWS COVERAGE TO THE MEETING BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN AND PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER IN BRUSSELS ON MAY 29. DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN IS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE CONVERSATION.

2. FOLLOWING THE MEETING, ANKER JORGENSEN TOLD REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DANISH PRESS IN BRUSSELS THAT HE HAD EMPHASIZED TO THE PRESIDENT THAT ALTHOUGH THE US AND DENMARK HOLD DIFFERENT VIEWS OF MANY ASPECTS OF THW WORLD SITUATION, AMONG THEM VIETNAM, DENMARK BELIEVES THAT THE US AND CANADA SHOULD CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN WESTERN EUROPEAN (NATO) DEFENSE. HE ADDED THAT DENMARK DOES NOT REGARD A SOLELY EUROPEAN DEFENSE EFFORT AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO PRESENT SECURITY POLICY.

3. JORGENSEN IS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD THE PRESIDENT THAT US WISHES TO DRAW SPAIN INTO CLOSER COOPERATION WITH NATO WERE STRONGLY OPPOSED BY DENMARK, WHICH BELIEVES THAT NATO SHOULD CONTINUE AS A GROUP OF DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES. IN REPLYING, THE PRESIDENT REPORTEDLY GAVE ASSURANCES "THAT NATO VIS-A-VIS BOTH SPAIN AND PORTUGAL" MUST MAINTAIN ITS POSITION AS AN ALLIANCE IN DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY. JORGENSEN SAID THAT THE DANES OF COURSE SHARED THIS OPINION. ONE DAILY, THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AKTUEL, SAID THAT IN VIEW OF THE PRESIDENT'S ASSURANCES, SOME "MISGIVINGS OCCURRED" WHEN LATER IN HIS OPENING REMARKS AT THE SUMMIT, FORD CALLED FOR NATO CONSIDERATION OF HOW TO DRAW SPAIN CLOSER INTO WESTERN DEFENSE.

4. JORGENSEN DESCRIBED THE MEETING AS "UNUSUALLY FRIENDLY" WHICH LED BERLINGSKE TIDENDE (INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE) TO SPECULATE THAT THIS MIGHT BE AT LEAST PARTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FACT THAT THE PRESIDENT DID NOT ASK PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN FOR AN EXPLANATION OF HIS COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FALL OF VIETNAM (REFTEL) AND JORGENSEN HIMSELF DID NOT BRING THE MATTER UP. CROWE

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